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The following references are noted as being potentially relevant to the subject matter of the present application.

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Pursuant to the Waiver announced in the Official Gazette on August 5, 2003 (1276 OG 55), copies of these references are not attached.

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Brief explanation of relevance:

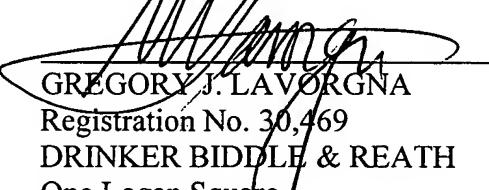
An abstract in English is attached to each reference that is not in English.

It is requested that the Examiner review the above-identified references and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. § 609. It is also requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute form 1449 and return one copy to the Applicants' undersigned representative.

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